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Petty politics bring construction of six school buildings in Raja Rajeshwari Assembly constituency to grinding halt

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49 flood-prone areas still vulnerable as projects worth ₹2,172 cr miss deadlines ahead of monsoon, progress is slow and inconsistent in zones where work is underway, sensor systems in stormwater drains for flood alerts are non-functional

LAST-MINUTE SCRAMBLE TO PLUG THE LEAK

Of 4,316 encroachments identified, only 2,634 cleared

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With just weeks to go for the monsoon, shocking gaps in Bengaluru's flood preparedness have come to light. Despite a combined allocation of over ₹2,172 crore for stormwater drain upgrades, desilting, and flood mitigation, nearly 49 flood-prone areas remain at high risk. Crucial infrastructure projects covering 173 km of major drains have only just begun, raising serious concerns about yet another season of urban flooding.

In what experts are calling a case of "too little, too late", five city municipal bodies have initiated major stormwater drain development works only just before the rainy season. Projects that were supposed to be completed well in advance are now being rushed through, mirroring a crisis-response approach rather than planned urban management.

Under the Karnataka Water Security and Disaster Resilience Programme (KWSRDP), backed by World Bank funding of ₹2,000 crore, development of 173 km of primary stormwater drains has only recently commenced.

A GBA official asid, "Work orders have been issued across 16 packages, but several contractors are yet to even begin execution. This delay has significantly reduced the chances of completion before the onset of heavy rains. In parallel, another ₹172.25 crore has been sanctioned under the 15th Finance Commission's National Disaster Mitigation Fund for reconstruction of culverts and redesigning of bridges. These projects, too, have only just started, with a completion timeline of 24 months, offering little immediate relief for this year."

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File photo of a stormwater drain filled to the brim after a downpour

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Nest in peace

Police stations host bamboo nests as civic activists' team kick off initiative to bring back sparrows

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In a meaningful conservation effort, 10 city police stations in the South Division are now echoing with the cheerful chirping of sparrows due to an initiative that blends urban duty with environmental care. Artificial nests for the endangered house sparrow have been installed within police station premises, offering the tiny birds a much-needed refuge in an increasingly concrete-dominated cityscape.

The initiative was taken by a group of members called Bengaluru Hudugaru, aimed to revive sparrow populations that have sharply declined over the years. Vinod Kartavya of the group tells BM, "Some years back, we would get up in the early morning hearing the chirping sound of sparrows. But, the birds' population has been declining drastically; almost 70 to 80% of population loss has occurred."

Urbanisation has drastically altered Bengaluru's skyline. Traditional tiled houses once ideal nesting spots for sparrows have largely given way to high-rise apartments and terrace buildings. "Earlier our homes were designed to co-exist with sparrows; we used to create a small hole on the walls where these tiny birds used to nest and live among us," says Kartavya.

According to the activist, another major reason for the decline of sparrows is the

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THINGS TO DO

01 Cartoon centenary

To commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of iconic cartoonist Mario Miranda, the Indian Institute of Cartoonists will host a special exhibition titled 'Mario @100'. The showcase will feature a curated selection of photographs, political and pocket cartoons, vibrant illustrations and sketches capturing Karnataka's cultural essence. **Where: Indian Cartoon Gallery, Midford garden; When: May 2**

02 Improv nights

Simp Simpli Improv Jams returns, inviting all to explore spontaneous storytelling and creativity. A free, inclusive improv space by jijji collective, open to beginners and enthusiasts alike, with pay-as-you-like entry. **Where: Shoonya, Lalbagh When: April 24, 6 pm**

03 Collage comeback

An exhibition-cum-sale of works by Belgaum-based artist Max Davies will be held in Bengaluru. The self-taught 65-year-old artist is known for handcrafted collages created using scissors and paste, drawing inspiration from baroque, burlesque, sufism and surrealism. **Where: Urban Solace, Ulsoor; When: April 20 to 30, 11 am to 10 pm**

04 Ramen rave

CHA Hong Kong Eating House has launched Rollin' Ramen Rave (RRR), a limited-time sushi and ramen pop-up. The pop-up blends Hong Kong street-food energy with Japanese flavours, offering a menu featuring nigiri, signature sushi rolls, crispy nori pockets and slow-simmered ramen bowls. **Where: Phoenix Mall of Asia, Yelahanka; When: Running until May 15**

05 Global party lands

Global music festival phenomenon Elrow makes its Bengaluru debut, bringing its iconic Neo Kaos Garden theme, an immersive mix of music, theatre and high-energy chaos. Featuring international DJs, Spanish performers and signature confetti-filled spectacles, the event promises a full-scale sensory experience. Tickets available on District by Zomato. **Where: To be announced; When: May 23, 3 pm onwards**

Healthcare gap leaves diabetic kids in crisis

Child rights panel urges Karnataka to fund insulin access, warning poorer households cannot sustain lifelong treatment burden for young diabetes patients

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The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has appealed to the state government to provide insulin and glucometer strips to children suffering from type 1 diabetes, as it is not viable for economically weaker families to bear the cost of these supplies. Dr Thippeswamy KT, a member of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, in a letter to the Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, has said that children with type 1 diabetes need insulin and glucometer strips, but their families, most of whom belong to economically weaker sections, cannot afford them. "Lack of insulin and glucometer strips will lead to health problems for children with type 1 diabetes. I request the government to intervene and take suitable measures to address this problem," the letter read.

Stating that all citizens have the right to live as per Article 21 of the Constitution, Thippeswamy said the government has to provide medicines and treatment for people suffering from chronic diseases as per Section 25 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. "I appeal to the state government to make arrangements for the distribution of glucometer strips and insulin for children with type 1 diabetes at all primary health centres, district and taluk government hospitals, on the lines of neighbouring states," he said. Describing Thippeswamy's suggestion to the Health Department to provide free insulin and testing for children with type 1 diabetes as commendable, Nagasimha G Rao, a child rights activist, said that poor parents become extremely worried and helpless the moment they learn that their child has type 1 diabetes. They are unable to afford expensive treatment in private hospitals and feel heartbroken seeing their child's suffering.

"Because of constant tiredness and lack of energy, these children are often forced to drop out of school. They end up sitting at home in pain, missing out on their education and childhood. Our Constitution, under Article 21, guarantees the right to life and health. Similarly, Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child also protects children's right to the highest attainable standard of health. The third Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3) of 2016 aims to ensure healthy lives and well-being for all," Rao said.

He said that the Health Department should make free treatment, medicines, and proper counselling for parents a top priority for children with type 1 diabetes. "This step will help protect and uphold the fundamental right to health of these children. By providing free insulin and regular monitoring, the government can prevent many complications and give these children a chance to live a normal, healthy and productive life. Furthermore, early diagnosis and continuous support systems can significantly improve the quality of life for children living with type 1 diabetes. Schools, communities and healthcare providers must unite to support affected children, ensuring survival, dignity and equal opportunities, he said.

BBP gets four new cheetahs

The Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) is now home to four cheetahs from South Africa. Two male and two female cheetahs from Induna Primate and Parrot Park in South Africa reached Kempegowda International Airport at midnight on April 18, under an animal exchange programme. This initiative aims to strengthen conservation efforts, enhance genetic diversity within captive populations, promote visitor awareness, and support scientific research.

The cheetahs were received at the airport by Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre. The big cats are currently under strict quarantine protocols, on a prescribed diet, and under close health monitoring for a period of 30 days to facilitate smooth acclimatisation. Emphasising that cheetahs, once locally known as "Sivangi", have now disappeared from Karnataka's forests, Khandre highlighted the importance of public awareness about wildlife through zoological institutions. The minister also instructed the Zoo Authority of Karnataka to accord top priority to the safety and well-being of the animals. Cheetahs cleared health checks and quarantine before import and are now under observation at BBP, to be moved later. The exchange strengthens global conservation and education efforts.

Watt a shock for Bengaluru

In a move that has caught many by surprise, residents are expressing shock and concern after electricity tariffs were revised upwards in the city, even as rates were reduced in other parts of Karnataka. The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has approved a hike in domestic power tariffs for areas under BESCOM, citing financial losses, leaving Bengalureans questioning why they are being made to pay more. "This is a shock for us. While other regions are getting relief, why is Bengaluru being burdened again?" said a resident from North Bengaluru, reflecting a growing sense of unease.

The revision, effective retrospectively from April 2025, aims to offset revenue losses reported by BESCOM during the 2024–25 financial year, while companies such as GESCOM, HESCOM and MESCOM, which recorded surplus revenues, will see tariff reductions. From May onwards, the increased cost will be adjusted in monthly bills through instalments until April 2027. For city consumers, this means an increase of 56 paise per unit in BESCOM areas. "We are already dealing with rising living costs. An added electricity burden is unfair," said another resident. The contrast in tariff decisions across regions has only added to the frustration, with many calling for greater transparency in how such revisions are implemented. **— BMB**

Seat cap could cost talent

An expert committee set up to examine the government's proposal to cap Computer Science seats has warned that restricting only CS seats could lead to a talent drain. The panel has instead recommended introducing a Core+AI curriculum, along with structured faculty training. It also suggested that private universities and institutions should not be allowed to offer more than five computer-related courses at any given time, and that the total number of seats across all such courses should not exceed 900, according to the report led by former IIIT director S Sadagopan.

The issue had earlier been raised in the Legislative Council, where concerns were voiced about institutions admitting over 3,000 students into CS streams. Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar had then indicated the government's plan to cap seats. The committee has proposed reducing seats and redirecting them towards Core+AI streams, introducing AI and machine learning as analytical tools across undergraduate programmes, and implementing a phased rebalancing formula from the 2026–27 academic year. It has also recommended mandatory lab-based learning focused on active learning and professional ethics from 2027–28, and suggested intake limits for new institutions, along with compulsory NBA accreditation after two years. Regular inspections and surprise audits have also been proposed to maintain quality in higher education. **— BMB**

Election delays test Bengaluru's civic patience

For many Bengalureans, the wait to elect their local representatives has turned into an endless cycle of hope and disappointment. Just when it seemed civic elections would finally be held after the city's restructuring into five corporations, the state government moved to push the process further, seeking time until September 30. Citing census and administrative constraints, the decision has angered residents, who say prolonged absence of councillors is eroding public trust.

The government maintains that officials are tied up with census duties, voter list revisions and exam-related assignments, leaving limited manpower to conduct elections. However, many citizens remain unconvinced, pointing out that preparations such as ward division and reservation lists have already been completed. "If everything is ready, why delay again? There is always some excuse," said a prospective candidate. With parties gearing up and the Supreme Court pushing timelines, frustration grows, elections this year remain uncertain. **— BMB**

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Citizens, officials unite to enforce stricter waste accountability

Public meeting highlights segregation, technology, and shared responsibility as key to effective implementation of Solid Waste Management Rule, 2026

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Over a hundred people, including citizens, NGOs, civic activists, resident welfare associations, representatives of hotels and eateries in the city, and officials, attended a public meeting on Saturday at Town Hall, organised by Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML) on the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rule, 2026.

The session aimed to ensure effective implementation of solid waste management in the city, along with compliance with the rules, through active citizen participation. Ramamani, Chief Operating Officer of BSWML, appealed to citizens not to dump waste in the open or along roads.

"All citizens should segregate waste at source and avoid littering in public spaces. We all must come together to make the city cleaner, greener, and more sustainable. We all must also consider the processing and recycling of waste at the source. Households, large residential complexes, and hotels must adopt measures to treat and reuse the waste generated within their premises," said Ramamani.

Officials and experts highlight need for stricter compliance, improved collection systems, and technology like GPS tracking for efficient door-to-door waste collection

To ensure stricter compliance with waste management and the SWM Rule, 2026, a new framework called "Extended Bulk Waste Generator Responsibility (EBWGR)" was proposed. BSWML also announced that a new centralized online portal will be launched soon to ensure transparency and strengthen monitoring in waste management.

"Garbage is being dumped in the open either because waste collection vehicles are not reaching every house or due to unsuitable waste collection timings. Both citizens and BSWML will have to come forward to implement the new four-way segregation effectively. BSWML will have to be on its toes, and technology can be used to ensure regular collection by door-to-door garbage collection vehicles. GPS devices can come in handy," said Dr Shanthi Tummala, member of SWMRT and founding member of HSR Citizen Forum.

With rising concerns over dumping and poor compliance, stakeholders stressed practical solutions like source segregation, local processing, and citizen-led action to transform urban waste systems sustainably

Experts stressed active citizen participation. "Segregation of waste has to be done perfectly to make and keep our city clean. Four aspects that make any city dirty are black spots, waste burning, lack of segregation of waste, and the use of plastic waste. The problem is that many of us do not realise that citizens can make a difference. Active citizen participation, along with effective implementation of rules by authorities, can do wonders. Solution lies in bringing sustainable practices to every home and getting more citizen volunteers involved in waste management initiatives," said Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bharat.

Officials told to conduct drone surveys, submit reports

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Kumar D, a citizen, said Bengaluru has been grappling with recurring floods every monsoon, leading to massive losses of property worth crores and severe disruption to daily life. "Yet, preventive measures such as desilting of drains and ensuring free water flow have not been carried out effectively. Several key localities continue to remain highly vulnerable. Areas such as KR Puram's Geddalahalli, Sai Layout, Sarjapur Road, Yelahanka, Dasarahalli, Koramangala, HSR Layout, and Kodichikkanahalli are once again staring at potential flooding. Incomplete infrastructure projects, including the stalled railway vent work at Geddalahalli, have only added to residents' anxiety," he said.

Data reveals that out of 166 identified flood-prone zones, only 116 have been addressed so far, leaving 49 areas still exposed. Even in zones where work is underway, progress has been slow and inconsistent. Additionally, sensor systems installed in stormwater drains for flood alerts are reportedly non-functional or ineffective.

On the other hand, authorities have identified 4,316 encroachments along drain networks, of which only 2,634 have been cleared. Around 196 cases are still pending in courts, delaying further action. Despite earlier directives to initiate legal proceedings against encroachers, implementation has largely remained on paper. Historically, the city has struggled with sustained execution. While about 583 km of drains were earmarked for cleaning in 2022-23, officials admit that the work has not been carried out satisfactorily. Urban planners warn that without immediate acceleration of works and accountability mechanisms, Bengaluru could witness another year of severe flooding. The current pace of development, they say, is unlikely to deliver meaningful impact before the rains arrive.

Meanwhile, Additional Chief Secretary of the Urban Development Department Tushar Giri Nath said, "Officials have been directed to carry out drone surveys before and after desilting of stormwater drains within GBA limits and submit detailed reports. With pre-monsoon rains approaching, desilting must be taken up on priority. Choking points should be identified through drone-based visual surveys and necessary repair works carried out. Senior officials, along with traffic police, must personally inspect flood-prone areas and address issues. Side drains along roads, as well as shoulder drains, should be cleared to ensure the smooth flow of rainwater without obstruction."

GBA final voter list released

For The final ward-wise electoral rolls for the five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) have been released, with 88,95,361 voters registered across 369 wards. District Election Officer and Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao said the list was finalised after revisions to the draft published March 9. The electorate includes 45,71,169 male voters, 43,22,557 women and 1,635 others, with 8,023 polling stations planned across GBA limits. Among all wards, Subramanyapura (Ward No. 51) under Bengaluru South has the highest number of voters at 53,660, while Vignan Nagar (Ward No. 24) under Bengaluru East has the lowest electorate at 12,897. Officials said the list recorded a net addition of 2,833 voters. The GBA covers five city corporations—Bengaluru Central, North, South, East and West—and authorities will make updated rolls available online. They have set up helplines and urged parties to appoint booth-level agents. — BMB

Couple abduct, assault relatives over loan

The Hebbagodi Police have arrested a woman, her husband, and their associate for allegedly abducting and assaulting a relative over a financial dispute linked to an unpaid loan.

The accused are Prafulla, her husband Saleem Sheikh, and their associate Beeresh, a driver, while the victim, Pruthvi, is Prafulla's younger sister. Police said that on the night of April 14, the accused, along with four others, arrived at Pruthvi's residence in Ananthnagar, created a disturbance, and forcibly took her and her husband Abhithej away, claiming they would settle a financial matter.

Instead of approaching the police, they allegedly confined the couple in a house in Nagarabhavi for several hours, assaulted them, issued threats, and attempted to extort money. Investigations revealed that Pruthvi had borrowed about ₹9.5 lakh, of which ₹5 lakh had already been repaid, police added. — BMB

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Metro commuters parking haphazardly at 10th C Cross are causing traffic gridlock and blocking pedestrian pathways.

Illegal encroachments

Nehru main road

Encroachments are emerging on Nehru Main Road even as official road and footpath development works continue.

Tree choking

RBI layout

Concretisation around tree bases in RBI Layout is choking roots and increasing risk of tree falls during monsoon.

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Bricks laid, classrooms delayed, students keep waiting

Not funds but failed governance halts school projects, denying children basic infrastructure and dignity

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Six incomplete school buildings delay education access in RR Nagar constituency

The state government and the respective Bengaluru City Corporations (BCCs) have been spending significant funds to provide education for children from middle and economically weaker families. However, animosity between politicians and apathy among authorities has been playing spoilsport when it comes to providing basic amenities for school children. Parents and child rights activists have expressed concern over six incomplete school buildings in Raja Rajeshwari Assembly constituency, attributing the delays to petty politics. While planning and fund allocation are in place, the lack of commitment among authorities remains a key issue.

The construction of the school building on Kalpana Road was almost completed two years ago, but no steps have been taken to inaugurate it for the benefit of students and teachers. The rusted steel rods at a school building under construction in Kottigepalya highlight negligence and apathy. Similarly, construction at Srigandha Kaval, Goraguntepalya and BK Nagar came to a halt a few years ago due to reasons best known to authorities and politicians."I do not know why the construction of the school building has stopped. Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) authorities must complete the construction and inaugurate the school building in June for the benefit of school children and teachers who have been facing a lot of problems due to lack of basic amenities at the existing schools," said Nagaraj P, a resident.

"It is the responsibility of the local government to provide basic infrastructure as per the Section 9 of the RTE Act. The delay in completing the construction of the school buildings amounts to violation of the fundamental rights of children. Authorities must complete the construction work as early as possible," said Dr Thippeswamy.

> **"Children cannot wait for political differences to be resolved while their future hangs in balance. Urgent intervention is needed to ensure that no child in RR Nagar is deprived of a proper school due to needless political interference**
> –Nagasimha G Rao, child rights activist

Highlighting broader concerns, Anjali Ramanna, Women and Juvenile Rights Advocate, said that rapid commercialisation of education in the private sector has become a threat to student safety and child rights, with lack of regulatory oversight and accountability allowing continuous construction.

"They have assumed structural expansion and infrastructure development are the indicators of growth and quality improvement.

Enforcement of regulatory frameworks is often inconsistent. In this context, the proposal to establish monitoring committees comprising multiple stakeholders is both timely and necessary. Such committees could include representatives from local government bodies, school management, parent associations, and independent safety and child rights experts. he idea of issuing shorter duration licenses to schools subject to periodic renewal based on compliance could serve as a strong accountability mechanism." said Anjali Ramanna.

Calling the situation unfortunate, child rights activist Nagasimha G Rao said delays due to political reasons violate children's right to education under Article 21A of the Constitution and Article 28 of the UNCRC.

"Education has a place in politics, but politics should have no place in children's education. The Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, clearly mandates that children must be provided with education in safe and secure school buildings. Halting the construction of such essential infrastructure midway is not in the best interest of our children. The state government must immediately take cognisance of this issue and complete the construction of these school buildings without further delay, thereby upholding every child's right to quality education. It is equally important for local parents and residents to raise their voices strongly on this matter," said Nagasimha G Rao.

"Children cannot wait for political differences to be resolved while their future hangs in balance. Urgent intervention is needed to ensure that no child in RR Nagar is deprived of a proper school due to needless political interference," he added.

Full adoption of nests may take about 6 months

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excessive use of pesticides and insecticides on crops. These chemicals have drastically reduced the number of insects and pests, which are the primary food source for sparrows. He also pointed out that the shift to packaged grains has made things worse. "Earlier, grains would often have small insects or get spilled in the open, providing easy food for birds. Now, everything comes cleaned, sealed, and packaged, leaving no chance for sparrows to find food," he explained.

Recalling his childhood, he added, "I live in Sampangi Rama Nagar, just about 100 metres from the BBMP head office. I remember playing with sparrows that nest in the walls of our house."

Recognising the crisis, his team and he designed and installed eco-friendly artificial nests made with bamboo across multiple police stations, including Kumarswamy layout police station, Banashankari Women police station, Uttarahalli Police station, DCP South office in the South Division. These nests are placed in quiet corners, away from heavy human disturbance, ensuring a safe breeding environment for the birds.

The team came upon this idea after getting to know about Sangamesh, a forest conservator from Yellapur district who designed bamboo nests that successfully revived sparrow populations. After procuring the sparrow nests, the main challenge was identifying suitable locations for installation. During a team discussion, they decided that police stations across Bengaluru would be ideal, as these spaces are relatively green, spacious, and less affected by traffic pollution conditions favourable for sparrows. He also noted that the presence of chirping birds could help create a calming atmosphere for police personnel, who often work under high stress.

In March, the team approached DCP (south division) Lokesh Jagalasar, IPS, seeking permission to install the nests within police station premises. Following which installations began across South Bengaluru police stations. In the first phase, around 10 nests were installed, while nearly 40 were distributed to the public on March 20.

Kartavya added that initial observations show sparrows around the nests, though full adoption may take four to six months. "It's only been a month; sparrows don't settle immediately as they may perceive it as a trap. Only after they begin to trust the space and feel safe do they start bringing cotton, grass, and small sticks, gradually making the nests their own," he explained.

Not all dry: Monsoon fears meet hopeful signs

Positive Indian Ocean Dipole, reservoir reserves and pre-monsoon showers may cushion Karnataka against a predicted below-normal monsoon this year

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Even as forecasts point to a likely below-normal monsoon this year due to the anticipated onset of El Niño by July, there are some reassuring factors that could soften its impact. Weather experts say favourable developments such as a positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and large-scale polar ice melt may improve rainfall prospects in India, offering some relief despite initial concerns. Pre-monsoon showers are also expected to be reasonably good, while healthy reservoir storage levels following last year's heavy rains have placed the state in a relatively comfortable position, at least in the short term.

Early signs indicate a warmer summer ahead. Pre-monsoon rainfall is likely to remain lower than usual, with temperatures already rising by 0.5 to 3 degrees Celsius above normal across several parts of Karnataka. Combined with humidity levels of 60 to 70 percent, the heat feels more intense, with actual temperatures of 38°C feeling closer to 40°C. Hot winds are expected to sweep across Kalyana Karnataka in the coming week, adding to the discomfort.

Experts note that if May receives normal rainfall, drinking water supply may not face immediate stress, especially since reservoirs, including those in the Cauvery basin, currently hold adequate water due to last year's surplus rainfall. This buffer could support both drinking water needs and initial agricultural activities.

Flood-like conditions echoed last year's heavy rains that filled reservoirs, now acting as a buffer against potential monsoon shortfall

With El Niño conditions expected to develop by July, monsoon rainfall is projected at around 92 percent of the long-period average, placing it in the 'below normal' category. Experts caution that even a 5 percent variation could significantly alter the situation.

Heat drives record beer consumption across Karnataka

As soaring temperatures grip Karnataka, beer lovers are increasingly turning to chilled brews, driving a sharp spike in sales and boosting state excise revenues. In the first 16 days of April alone, beer sales have touched record levels, rising by around 15 percent compared to the same period last year. What was 128.23 lakh litres last year has climbed to 146.48 lakh litres this year, reflecting a significant surge in demand. The heatwave, along with holidays, village fairs and festive gatherings, has made cold beer the preferred choice for many across urban and rural areas. "The rise in temperature has directly pushed up beer demand. At the same time, holidays and local events have contributed to higher consumption," excise officials said.

Despite rising prices, demand has remained strong, showing consumers are not cutting back. Alongside beer, Indian Made Liquor (IML) such as whisky, rum and brandy continue to dominate the market, recording steady growth as well. The state government, which has increased excise duties multiple times in recent years to boost revenue, is now seeing a steady inflow into its coffers, even as consumption trends show little sign of slowing.

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Patient dies after falling from hospital building

A 34-year-old man died after allegedly falling from the third floor of a private hospital in Devanahalli on Saturday morning, shortly after being discharged.

The deceased was identified as Gautam Yadav, a resident of Kodagurki village. According to police, Gautam had been admitted to Akash Hospital a day earlier due to health issues and was discharged after treatment.

At around 7.30 am, he reportedly fell from the third floor of the hospital building and sustained fatal injuries. Hospital authorities rushed him for emergency care, but he was declared dead. Police officials said he was mentally unstable and committed suicide by falling from the third floor of the building.

Meanwhile, family members alleged negligence by hospital staff, questioning how a patient accessed upper floors. They also claimed the terrace area was left open and unattended. Devanahalli police visited the spot, conducted an inspection, registered a case, and continued the investigation further ongoing. **–BMB**

Distraction trick fails, jewellery thief caught

An inter-state woman accused of stealing jewellery from a shop in Electronic City has been arrested by Parappana Agrahara police, who recovered gold ornaments worth ₹1 lakh.

According to police, a manager of a jewellery store in Electronic City Phase-2 filed a complaint on April 3, 2026. He alleged that on March 22, an unidentified woman entered the shop posing as a customer, diverted his attention, and stole two gold rings weighing 6 grams.

Acting on the complaint, police registered a theft case and launched an investigation. Based on leads, the accused was traced and apprehended on April 15 from a women's PG accommodation on Neeladri Road.

During interrogation, she confessed to targeting jewellery shops using distraction techniques to fund a lifestyle. The rings were recovered from her possession. She was produced before a court and remanded to judicial custody. **–BMB**

Vehicle thief arrested, four vehicles recovered

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Govindapura police have arrested a man involved in a series of two-wheeler and auto-rickshaw thefts, recovering four stolen vehicles worth ₹3 lakh.

The arrest follows a complaint filed on March 19, 2026, by a Hegdenagar resident, whose two-wheeler was stolen near the government hospital in HBR Layout. Acting on specific intelligence, police apprehended the accused on April 15 near school in Vyalikaval Layout, Nagawara. During interrogation, he confessed to multiple vehicle thefts, including stealing auto-rickshaws in Govindapura and Mahadevapura limits.

Based on his statement, police recovered three auto-rickshaws and one two-wheeler from a vacant site near a college in Nagawara. With this arrest, three cases registered at Govindapura Police Station and one case in Mahadevapura have been solved. The accused was produced before a court on April 15 and remanded to judicial custody.

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ರವಿ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಪಟೇಲ್

ನನ್ನ ಮಗ ರವಿ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಪಟೇಲ್ ಇವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಕೋರಮಂಗಲದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮ್ಯಾಕ್ ಟೆಲಿಕಾಮ್ ಸರ್ವಿಸಸ್ ಪ್ರೈ. ಲಿ.ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ಆಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಹಾಗು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಮೈಸೂರು ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪಂತರಪಾಳ್ಯ, 3ನೇ ಮೇನ್, ರಾಜಮ್ಮ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್, ನಂ. 257/ಎ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರ ಜೊತೆ ವಾಸವಿದ್ದರು. ರವಿ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಪಟೇಲ್ ಇವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27–8–2005ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು 10–30 ರಂದು ತನ್ನ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಮನೆಯಿಂದ ಹೊರ ಹೋದವರು ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ವಾಪಾಸ್ಸು ಬಂದಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಡೆ ಹುಡುಕಿದರೂ ಇವರು ಪತ್ತೆಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. 28 ವರ್ಷದವರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಇವರು 5'.9" ಎತ್ತರ, ಗೋಧಿ ಮೈಬಣ್ಣ, ದುಂಡುಮುಖ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ಕನ್ನಡ, ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಮತ್ತು ಹಿಂದಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಕಪ್ಪು ಪ್ಯಾಂಟ್, ಹಳದಿ ಮಿಶ್ರಿತ ಶರ್ಟ್ ಧರಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಕಪ್ಪು ಕೂದಲು, ಬಲ ಮೊಣಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಳೇ ಗಾಯದ ಗುರುತು ಇದೆ. ಇವರ ಸುಳಿವು ಸಿಕ್ಕವರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂಬರ್‌ಗೆ ಕರೆ ಮಾಡಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲು ಮನವಿ.

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Accused man faces multiple cases during ongoing investigation

A 51-year-old businessman already in judicial custody in connection with a sexual harassment case involving a woman customs officer has been booked again in two additional cases of sexual assault during the ongoing investigation.

According to police officials, the accused, M Kriplani, a resident of Indiranagar, was arrested by Pulakeshi Nagar police following a complaint, who alleged he exploited her trust, subjected her to sexual harassment, and threatened to leak private material to intimidate and coerce her. Police said the case was registered after the woman reported repeated harassment and blackmail. Based on her complaint, Kriplani was taken into custody and later remanded to judicial custody.

Investigators believe the accused targeted women government officials. Police sources said he is suspected of having harassed more than 50 such officials. Officials clarified that no additional formal complaints have been registered so far.

Meanwhile, police suspect he obtained details through RTI applications and misused the information, though no formal complaints have been filed.

During investigation, two new complaints led to additional cases. Police said Kriplani created disturbance during examinations at Bowring and Victoria hospitals, misbehaved with staff, and damaged property. Cases of obstruction duty were registered at VV Puram and Commercial Street stations. Accused remains in judicial custody, and further investigation is underway as per officials at present. **–BMB**

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BLOOMING SERENITY

Our reader shares a captivating image of vibrant Pink Trumpet flowers blooming in an Auroville garden, their striking hues instantly drawing attention. Captured with a keen eye for detail, the blossoms stand out beautifully against the serene surroundings, reflecting the charm and tranquillity of nature in full bloom.

The picture was clicked by reader **NJ Ravi Chander**

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Smart KR market parking hub promises relief from daily chaos

Upgraded ₹6 crore facility introduces AI surveillance, better drainage, modern payments, and improved access to tackle congestion and parking shortages

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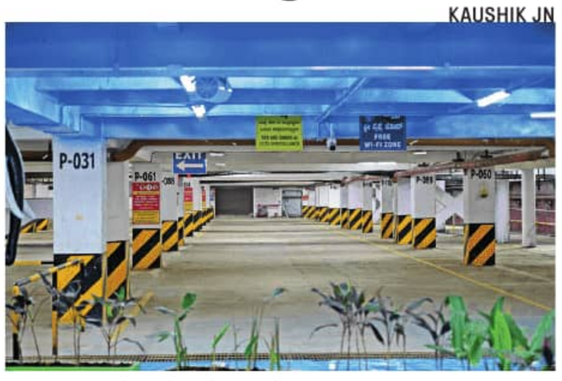
To address long-standing parking issues in and around the busy KR Market area, the ground-level parking facility beneath the market's commercial complex has been upgraded using advanced parking technology based on international models.

The revamped facility, completed at a cost of ₹6 crore, has been handed over on a 10-year contract to a private operator that also manages the multi-level parking structure at Freedom Park. The project aims to ease congestion in one of the city's busiest commercial zones, where a lack of organised parking has been a persistent concern for visitors and traders.

Sources said the upgraded parking facility has been redesigned to address issues such as waterlogging during the monsoon, with the installation of large storage tanks and motorised systems to quickly drain floodwater. Visitors to KR Market can now park their vehicles and access the market using four lifts. The facility includes seating arrangements for over



100 people, dustbins for waste management, and separate parking spaces for women and persons with disabilities.

It features artificial intelligence-based surveillance, with over 60 cameras and a dedicated command centre to monitor activities and enhance security. Additional safety measures include 12 panic buttons for women and children. Officials said modern payment systems such as FASTag and UPI have been introduced, along with camera-based vehicle and user identification.

Visitors and traders gain a more organised parking experience with tech-driven features, safety upgrades, and better connectivity, though its real impact depends on consistent usage and surrounding road improvements

The facility also offers free Wi-Fi, drinking water, separate restrooms for men and women, and electric vehicle charging stations that can support up to seven cars at a time. Entry points lie along Avenue Road, BVK Iyengar Road and Chickpet Metro station, with direct exit access towards Mysuru Road. Officials have also requested road widening in surrounding areas to improve connectivity.

The parking facility can accommodate around 200 cars and 400 two-wheelers. Charges range from ₹15 for two-wheelers and ₹25 for cars for the first hour, going up to ₹175 and ₹275 respectively for 24 hours. Monthly passes cost ₹1,500 for two-wheelers and ₹5,000 for cars. Local commuters say parking space in the area remains limited after early morning hours, but believe the upgraded facility will provide relief if fully utilised.

Revamped parking area equipped with digital access points, structured bays, and enhanced safety systems to support smoother vehicle flow and user experience

DID YOU KNOW?

The largest genomic study of African elephants to date shows that both savanna and forest elephants remain in generally good genetic health despite long-term population declines. Researchers analysed genome data from 181 savanna and 51 forest elephants across 29 locations in 17 countries, finding that many populations especially in southern Africa retain strong gene flow due to wide-ranging movement. However, isolated populations at the edges of their distribution are showing concerning signs. According to Patrícia Pečnerová, such isolation seen in regions like Sierra Leone, Mali, Cameroon, Eritrea and Ethiopia leads to inbreeding and reduced genetic diversity. This can increase harmful mutations, lowering resilience to disease and environmental change. In some West

African populations, limited hybridisation between forest and savanna elephants has helped boost diversity, though it may introduce risks. Despite severe historical declines driven by poaching and habitat loss, the species still numbers around 500,000. Published in Nature Communications, the study highlights the urgent need to maintain habitat connectivity. Co-author Alfred Roca emphasised that preserving gene flow is critical for long-term survival. — Reuters

YOUR VOICE

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Reclaiming the Real Purpose of Education

Education, a powerful means of shaping character, curiosity and critical thinking, has gradually been reduced to a race of marks, rankings and rote memorization. In the process, its true purpose- to nurture thoughtful, responsible and well-rounded individuals- has been overshadowed. Today, however, a quiet significant shift is underway. Educators and institutions are beginning to question long-held practices and are striving to restore education to its original essence-one that values understanding by repetition, over memorization, skills over scores, and growth over mere achievement.

In Vedic period education focused on holistic development- intellectual, moral and spiritual. The Gurukul system emphasized discipline, values and life skills alongside academics, preparing individuals not just for livelihood, but for life. Students lived with their Guru, learning not only subjects but also how to handle different stages of life- including responsibilities, relationships and even preparation for marital life-along with earning a livelihood. This system taught them the art of balance, an essential life skill.

As rightly said in the ancient texts : "**सा वद्या या व मुक्तये**"- True education is that which liberates.

In contrast modern education often prioritizes job readiness, over personal growth leading to stress and lack of essential skills. Recognizing the gap, some institutions are reviving the Gurukul system through residential facilities (which are free from other disturbances), yoga, meditation, and value-based learning. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 further reinforces this shift by promoting holistic and experiential learning. By moving beyond rote methods, it aims to foster critical thinking, creativity and ethical values. Reviving these principles can help build a generation that is not only skilled but also responsible and resilient. True education must go beyond marks- it shapes individual who can contribute meaningfully to society.

— Pritha Roy, Teacher

Education is shifting from rote memorisation to holistic, value-based learning that nurtures responsible, well-rounded individuals

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Record broken, match won

Sunrisers Hyderabad's Abhishek Sharma greets Chennai Super Kings' Ayush Mhatre as he walks back to the pavilion

Five-time champions Chennai Super Kings (CSK) gave their best shot in the match that belonged to Abhishek Sharma who broke his own record for the fastest half-century by a Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) opener in the Indian Premier League (IPL) at at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad on Saturday. Abhishek Sharma and Heinrich Klaasen scored half-centuries as SRH posted 194/9 in 20 overs.

Abhishek's run

Continuing the pattern of doing well every alternate match this IPL, Abhishek bounced back from the last match's duck with a quickfire 22-ball 59, with six fours and four sixes against CSK. His runs came at a strike rate of over 268. A highlight of his knock was taking down Matthew Short for 25 runs, including four boundaries and a six in the fifth over, bringing up his fifty in just 15 balls, breaking his record of 16-ball fifty against MI back in 2024. This is also the third fastest fifty in IPL, after Yashasvi Jaiswal's 13-ball fifty against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) back in 2023, and 14-ball fifties by KL Rahul, Pat Cummins and Romario Shepherd above his effort.

In six matches and innings this season so far, Abhishek has made 188 runs at an average of 31.33, with a strike rate of 229.26, including two fifties and a best score of 74.

He has also completed his 2,000 IPL runs, scoring 2,004 runs in 80 innings at an average of 27.45 and a strike rate of 167.55, including a century and 11 fifties. In 80 innings and 77 innings for SRH, Abhishek has made 1,941 runs at an average of 26.95 at a strike rate of 166.89, including a century and three fifties. Abhishek is the second-fastest to the landmark in 1,193 balls, after Andre Russell (1,120 balls). This year in 19 T20s, Abhishek has scored 511 runs at an average of 28.38, with a strike rate of 209.42, including six fifties. He also has registered seven ducks this year, the most by an Indian in a calendar year. Coming to the match, CSK won the toss and opted to bowl first. A 75-run stand between Abhishek (59 in 22 balls, with six fours and four sixes) and Travis Head (23 in 20 balls, with three fours and a six) started off things for SRH on a strong note. Heinrich Klaasen (59 in 39 balls, with six fours and two sixes) held on end steady as wickets kept falling, taking SRH to 194/9 in 20 overs.

Rahul, Stubbs steer Delhi past Bengaluru

Slow and steady wins the race

KL Rahul and Tristan Stubbs led Delhi Capitals to a six-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the Indian Premier League on a sweltering Saturday, as the visitors outplayed the hosts in a cracking contest at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. Chasing 176, Delhi rode on a composed innings from Rahul, who marked his birthday with a fluent 57 off 34 before Stubbs applied the finishing touches, ensuring the target was overhauled with a ball to spare.

Put in to bat, Bengaluru opener Phil Salt marked his presence with a half-century to set the tone, but regular wickets in the innings prevented the hosts from accelerating and they finished on 175-8 in oppressive heat. Bengaluru struck back early in Delhi's chase, with pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar delivering a telling power-play spell that accounted for three quick wickets, leaving Delhi under pressure at 50-3 inside six overs. Local favourite Rahul, however, steadied the innings by striking six fours and two sixes in his knock and allowed others to play without pressure despite challenging batting conditions.

"We didn't want to take it too deep, we just wanted to stay positive... and try to put pressure on the bowlers," Rahul said at the post-match presentation.

"There was faith in Stubbs and (David) Miller. They do this on a daily basis for South Africa and franchise cricket." Stubbs shifted the momentum decisively, seizing control with an unbeaten 60-run knock to tilt the contest firmly in Delhi's favour, with steady support from captain Axar Patel before he was forced to retire hurt on 26.

Miller (22 off 10) sealed the victory by striking the winning runs, ensuring there were no late alarms.

"I didn't want to take it into the last over. I knew we were going to do it, I didn't know how. But thankfully Miller was at the other end. It's his bread and butter," said Stubbs, who was named player of the match. The win lifted Delhi to fourth in the standings with six points, while Bengaluru's defeat dented their push at the top of the table, keeping them second on eight points. The match marked a milestone for the hosts, who became the first team to play 100 IPL matches at a single venue - the Chinnaswamy Stadium. Former Australia captain Allan Border was among the spectators, watching his first-ever IPL match.

Earlier, Bengaluru openers Salt and Virat Kohli began briskly, but the tempo dipped when Lungi Ngidi struck in his opening over to dismiss Kohli for 19 off 13 balls. -Reuters

RCB 175/8 (20)
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Delhi Capitals' KL Rahul, right, and Tristan Stubbs during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 T20 cricket match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Delhi Capitals

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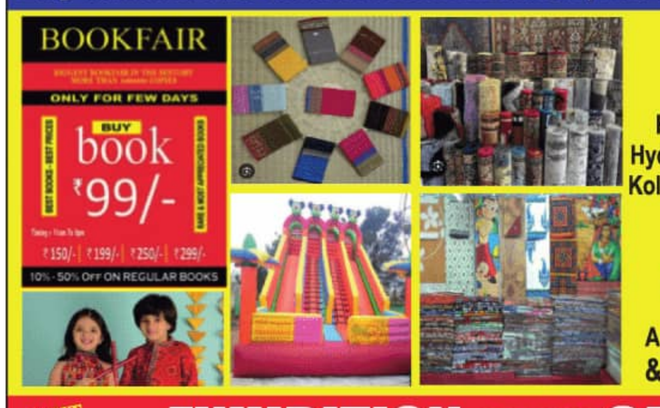

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I, MOHAMMED EBRAHIM, S/o Mohammed Moosa, Residing at No.19, Muniswamappa Road. R.S. Palya, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore-560 033 declare that my date of birth wrongly entered in my documents as 10.07.1946 correct date of birth is 10.07.1952 vide Affidavit Dt: 17/04/2026, sworn before Notary A R Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

I, PRASHANT MAHENDRA, S/o Mahendra Kumar Madan Lal, residing at No.227/229, Sapping's Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore-560 001, have changed my name to PRASHANT BOHRA vide affidavit dated 17.04.2026 sworn before notary A R Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

I, RUTH DAISY SUJANA ASWIN HERBERT SATHISH residing at 279A, Happy Garden Layout, Near Origin Villa, Seegehalli, Bengaluru – 560049 have changed my name to RUTH DAISY SUJANA KUMAR vide affidavit dated 18/04/2026 sworn before notary S N Madhu Bangalore

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I, KUSHALRAJ BOHRA R/o 03,Leela VS Raju Road, Kumara Park West, Bangalore -560020 have changed my name to P KUSHALRAJ BOHRA.

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I Mohamed Arif S/O, Mohamed Hussain R/o No.9/2,third Floor,2nd Cross,lalbagh Fort Road,doddamavalli, Basavagudi Post have changed my name to Mohammed Arif.

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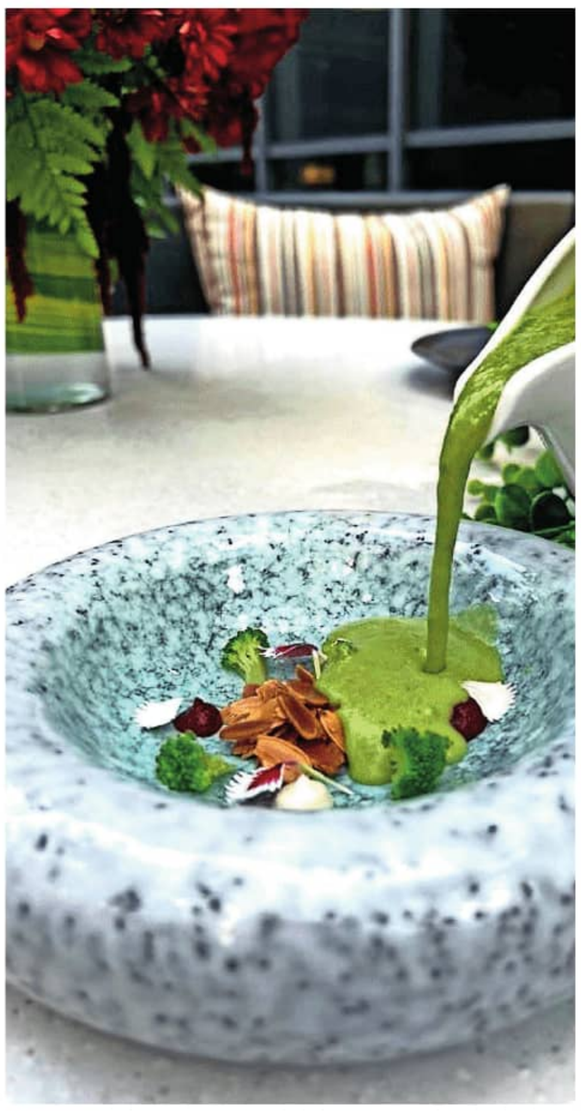
TASTES BEAUTIFUL

Go on a thoughtfully curated multi-course culinary journey with these recipes

BROCCOLI & ALMOND SOUP



INGREDIENTS
- Broccoli - 0.09 KG
- Almond flakes - 0.015 KG
- Fresh cream- 0.02 KG
- Butter- 0.01 KG
- Thyme- 0.001 KG
- Onion- 0.02 KG
- Leeks- 0.01 KG
- Celery- 0.01 KG
- Garlic- 0.01 KG
- Flour- 0.02 KG

METHOD
- Heat olive oil in a non-stick pan, add garlic and sauté for 30 seconds.
- Add onion, thyme, celery, leek and flour, mix and sauté until translucent.
- Add broccoli and almond flakes sauté for 5minutes.
- Add vegetable stock, mix well, cover and cook for 5minutes.
- Transfer into a bowl and grind to a fine mixture.
- Strain through a fine strainer into the same pan and let the mixture come to a boil.
- Drizzle fresh cream butter, sprinkle crushed black peppercorn and serve hot.

OLIVE TAPENADE CHEESE TRILOGY

INGREDIENTS
- Mix lettuce-0.04 KG
- Crostini- 0.02KG
- Olive Tapenade- 0.015 KG
- Sundried tomato- 0.015 KG
- Feta cheese- 0.015 KG
- Burrata cheese- 0.02KG
- Ricotta cheese- 0.02KG
- Red cherry tomato- 0.03 KG
- Yellow cherry tomato- 0.03 KG
- Sumac powder- 0.01 KG
- Zatar powder- 0.01KG
- Balsamic Glaze- 0.05 KG
- Mustard dressing- 0.05 KG
- Cream cheese spread- 0.02KG

METHOD
- Wash and dry the mix lettuce thoroughly.
- Tear or cut the leaves into bite-size pieces.
- Add salt, pepper, olive oil, and balsamic glaze dressing.
- Toast the crostini.
- Apply the cream cheese on top of crostini.
- Keep three types of cheese ball (Feta, Burrata, Ricotta).
- Add sundried tomato and sliced red radish.
- For plating, add cherry tomato, olive slice, edible flower, and microgreens.
- Serve immediately to enjoy the freshest flavours and textures.

GRILLED HALLOUMI STEAK & ASPARAGUS

INGREDIENTS
- Barley risotto- 0.05 KG
- Halloumi cheese- 0.08 KG
- baby carrot with leaves- 0.04 KG
- Green beans- 0.04 KG
- cream cheese- 0.03 KG
- Button Mushrooms- 0.02 KG
- Tomato salsa- 0.02 KG
- Asparagus- 0.06 KG
- Saffron- 0.0001KG

METHOD
- Boil barley first.
- Heat oil in a pan and cumin seeds.
- When the seeds crackle and onion sauté till golden brown.
- Add tomato, chopped and asparagus cook for 2-3 minutes.
- Add boil barley and cook for another 4-5 minutes add salt coriander and ghee.
- Marinate halloumi steak with hung curd, chili powder, mustard oil and grilled in a non-stick pan.
- Sauté beans, Yung carrot & cheese stuffed morel mushroom in olive oil.
- Platting- transfer barley risotto on a plate on top of halloumi steak with edible flower micro green & saffron.
- By side Carrot beans and Stuffed Morel mushroom.

Recipes by Owaize Ahmed Khan, Executive Chef, Hilton & Hilton Garden Inn Bengaluru Embassy Manyata Business Park

All you need to know about...

Kojic acid

Pigmentation problem
Kojic acid, an ingredient in skincare products, is not as aggressive as hydroquinone or as trendy as niacinamide, but for stubborn pigmentation that refuses to budge, it might just be the answer you've been looking for. Dr. Geeta Mehra Fazalbhoy, Founder of Skin & You Clinic and board-certified in aesthetic medicine, breaks down what makes this ingredient worth your attention.

How brightening is it?
Kojic acid is a naturally occurring compound derived from various types of fungi, as well as a byproduct of fermented foods like sake and soy sauce. It works by inhibiting tyrosinase, the key enzyme involved in melanin production. This makes it effective for treating uneven tone without actually bleaching the skin.
Dr. Fazalbhoy explains that kojic acid sits somewhere in the middle of the brightening spectrum. "It's more active than basic brightening ingredients, but gentler than prescription options like hydroquinone," she notes.

Why is it effective?
The reason kojic acid earns its place in conversations about stubborn pigmentation is not just that it addresses existing dark spots; it also slows down the formation of new pigment. By blocking tyrosinase and reducing active melanin production, it interrupts a cycle that conditions like post-acne marks and melasma are constantly feeding.

How to use it?
The most common error people make with kojic acid is treating it like a problem that needs to be solved urgently. Starting slowly, with two to three applications per week at night, allows the skin to gradually build tolerance without causing irritation. Irritation, it is worth remembering, can actively worsen pigmentation rather than resolve it. —**Femina**

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Tale of women empowerment lacks punch

KENDADA SERAGU

2.5 RATING

- **DIRECTOR** Rocky Somli
- **ACTORS** DBhoomika Shetty, Malashri, Prathima Thakur, Shobhita M, Sindhu Lokanath, Harish Aras
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 118 minutes

Rocky Somli, who has been an associate for Kannada movies, debuts as an independent director with this film. Rocky has tried to adapt a novel written by him with a similar title for this movie. It explores the problems of a woman, who is compelled to become a sex worker, after losing her husband.

The story of the movie is good but the director failed to ensure the actresses look real. Some of the scenes, especially those of a lecherous local leader and a police inspector beating a woman, are too gory. The director tried to add in elements such as romance, suspense, atrocities on women and women empowerment. The movie would have been a must watch had the director ensured the screenplay was crisp. A few scenes in this movie are too over-the-top and have no justification. For example, the character Sameer, played by Harish Aras, disappears abruptly without being punished for his criminal activities.

The movie begins with a community leader operating a sex racket. His henchmen beat a person for poking into their business. At this juncture, Police Officer Pavithra (Malashri) enters the scene. She not only encourages women to celebrate a festival but also teaches a lesson to those who misuse women. Meanwhile, police constables bring Ammu (Prathima Thakur) to the police station for her involvement in illegal activities. The Police Inspector gives a novel – Kedada Seragu – to Ammu and asks her to read it. You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Ammu and how Pavithra became a police officer and who is Bhuvi.

Malashri has tried her best to live up to audiences' expectations but action scenes are poorly choreographed. Bhoomika Shetty has acted well. Shobitha walks away with all honours for her sterling performance. Yash Shetty and Bala Rajwadi provided good support.

The movie is worth a watch for family audiences.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Murky world of lies and drugs

BENGALURU INN

2.5 RATING

- **DIRECTOR** Karthik K Murthy
- **ACTORS** Dharma Keerthiraj, Anusha Rai, Risha Gowda, Shashikumar, Bala Rajwadi, Kumar Kanhaiya
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 121 minutes

Director Karthik K Murthy has chosen an excellent topic of honey trapping and drug mafia in Bengaluru. The movie also explores how honey trapping is spreading to rural areas targeting reputed people. It also touches on the need to do due diligence during matchmaking and the precautions to be taken while booking hotel rooms. Though the movie's title is Bengaluru Inn, it also covers politics in rural areas and petty issues between affluent families.

Though the auditioning and shooting scenes look incongruous, these scenes highlight some realities about the audition process and how producers have conditions to come on board.

The movie begins with Assistant Commissioner of Police (Shashikumar) in an introspective mood. The next scene is Ramu (Dharma Keerthiraj), a gig worker, running away from a hotel where a murder has taken place. Police get busy visiting spots where youths have either ended their lives or are killed by the drug mafia. The police take Ramu into custody but Bhavya (Anusha Rai), a reporter, helps Ramu get released. The ACP asks Bhavya what made her help Ramu. You have to watch the movie to know the reason.

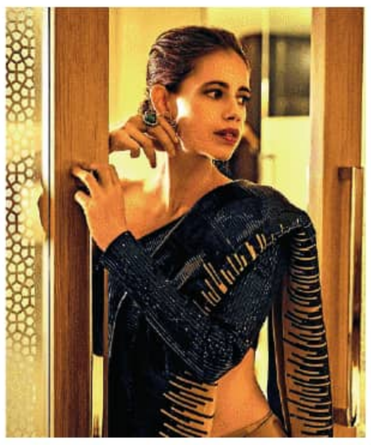
Dharma Keerthiraj has acted well. His dialogue delivery and gestures are good. Anusha Rai looks gorgeous. Veteran actor Shashikumar plays an ACP in the movie with aplomb. Bala Rajwadi has provided good support. Risha Gowda has to hone her acting skills. Kumar Kanhaiya Singh plays the antagonist.

Cinematographer Naveen Panchakshari has done a good job behind the camera. Music by Asif A Kader and Aravind Murali is good.

The movie is worth a watch if you want to know the inner workings of the menace of honey trapping and drugs.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

When the heart breaks



Actor Kalki Koechlin opened up about a difficult phase in her life when heartbreak led to prolonged insomnia during a candid conversation on a podcast hosted by Soha Ali Khan.

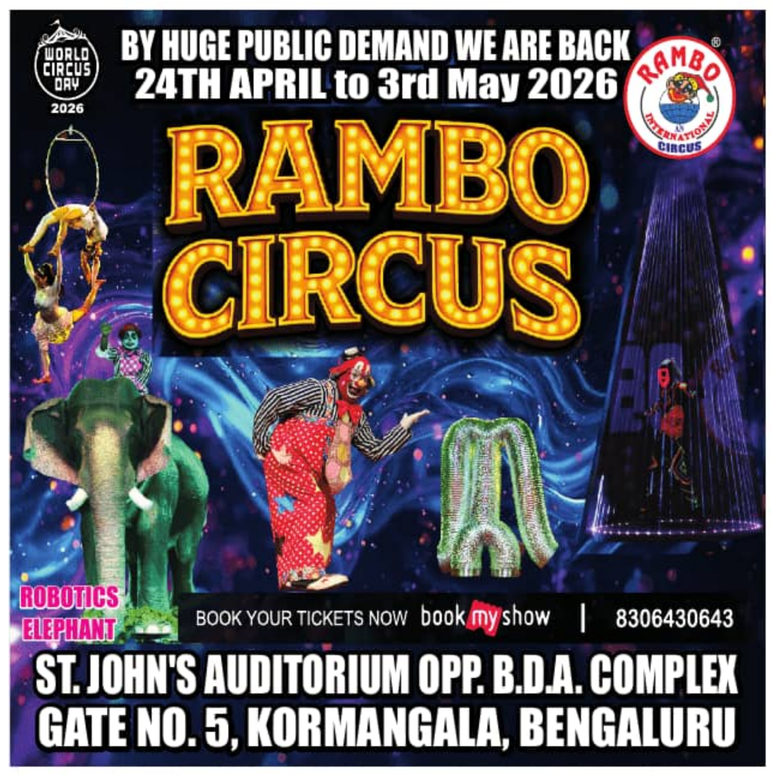
Kalki revealed that the emotional distress translated into serious sleep issues over several months. "I did have a series of months of insomnia from heartbreak, and it really made me realise how psychological it all is."

The actress described how her nights became restless and unpredictable. "I just could not sleep, I would wake up at 2 or 3 in the morning and end up playing the guitar or doing something to occupy myself, because there was no way of going back to sleep."

Engaging in small activities became her way of managing those long hours.

Kalki also recalled how the lack of sleep began affecting her work routine. "On the days I had to work, I remember feeling like I didn't know if I was in a dream state or awake, I was really confused..." she said.

— ETimes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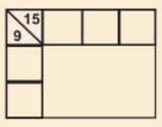
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

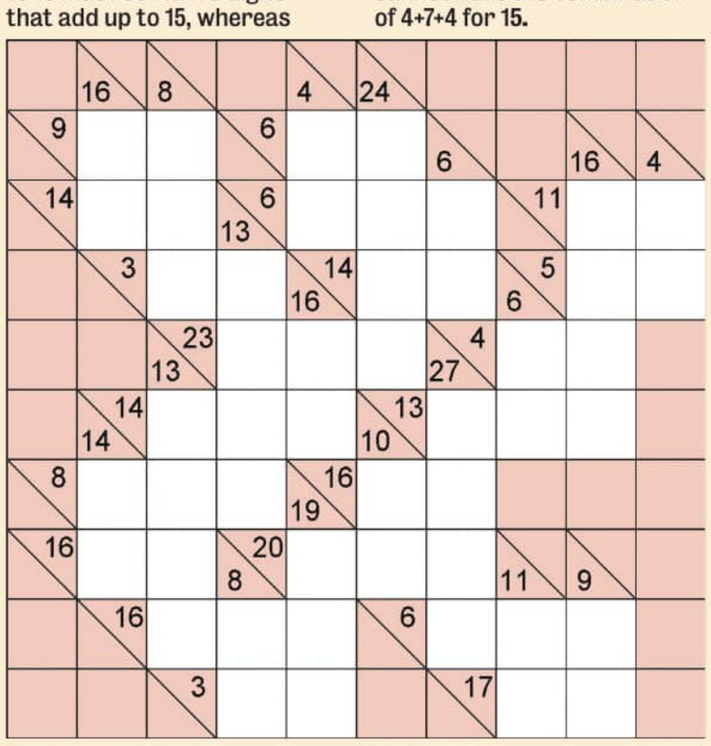
$\sqrt[a]{(9^2 - 7^2)} = 1024$
a=?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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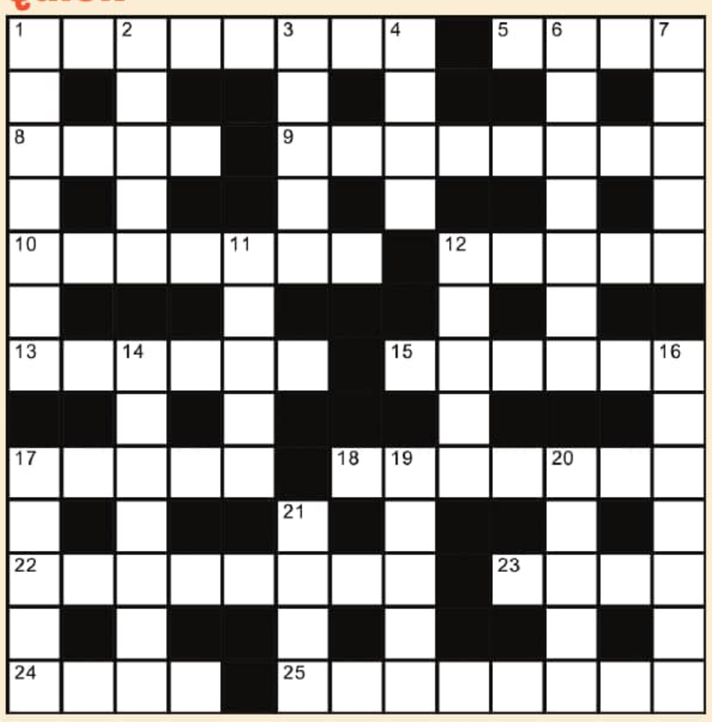


ACROSS

1 The most important member of the hive? (5,3)
5 Leguminous plant (4)
8 Lendl of tennis (4)
9 Heavy or solidly built (8)
10 Urged with a stick (7)
12 Evade or elude (5)
13 Consternation (6)
15 Provides a workforce for a company (6)
16 Beach near Udupi (5)
17 Beach near Udupi (5)
18 Abstemious person? (7)
22 Emotional musical piece (8)
23 Strike with hand (4)
24 Harem rooms (4)
25 Habitually untidy (8)

DOWN

1 Uttered a witty remark (7)
2 Muse for the poets? (5)
3 Mesa–"tubet" anagram? (5)
4 Revise copy (4)
6 Slacken gradually (4,3)
7 Wrote or entered (5)
11 Cover with fabric (5)
12 Ancient Mexican (5)
14 Small seedless grape (7)
16 Wage received when off work (4,3)
17 Godfather author ___ Puzo (5)
19 Authorization (3-2)
20 Hooked claw (5)
21 Raw material for beer (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS G

W BUGGBA TWRHAKK UH GIA KEPUHZ UK NIDBAKDTA AXAH VDP GIA QUHZ.

Linemaro

Come live in my heart. For you, no rent

Mindchow

Reputation is what men and women think of us. Character is what god and angels know of us

Joke of the day

Diet: A penalty for exceeding the feed limit

Loop

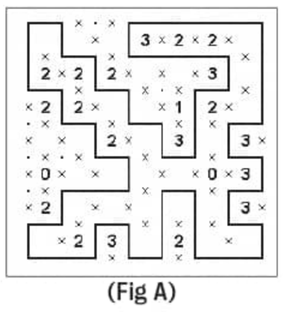
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

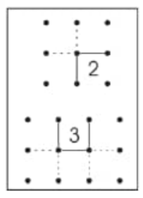
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

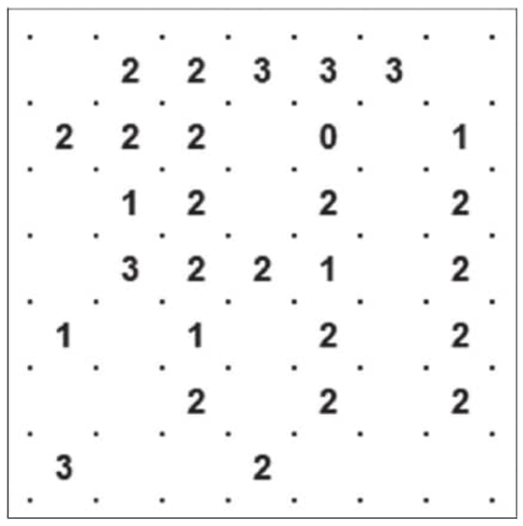
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



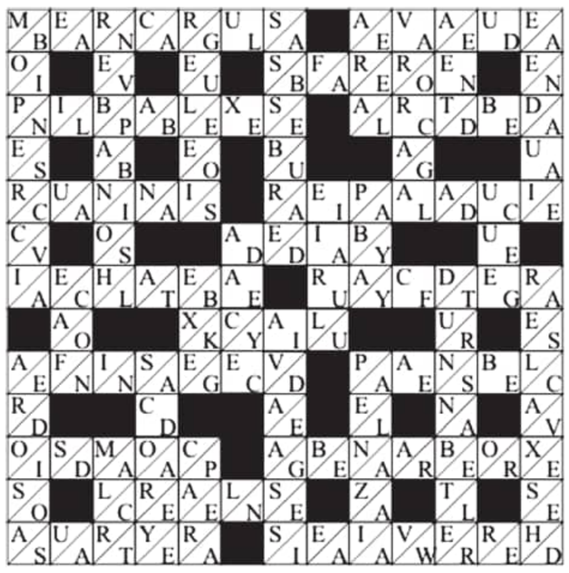
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



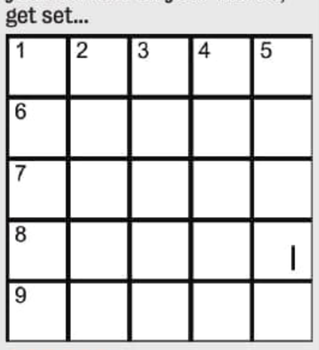
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

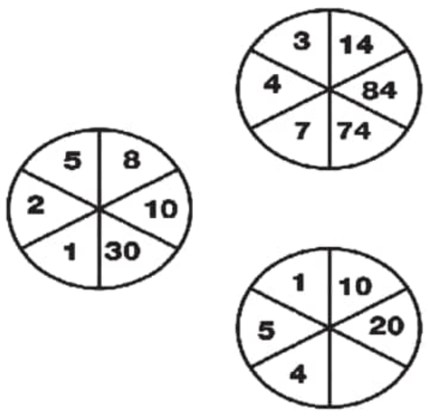
1 Repro; 6 Lie Ex;
7 Riels; 8 I a mum;
9 If bet

DOWN

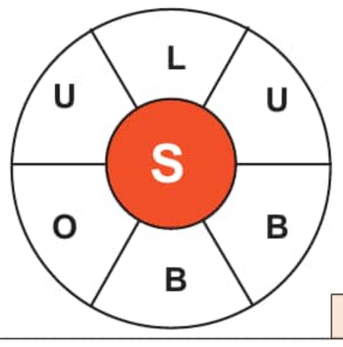
1 Bu err; 2 Me ox i;
3 A flip; 4 Emile;
5 Iters

Mensapuzzle

Which number needs to be added to complete the last wheel?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5		6			4		8	
7		4		3			2	
1	3							
		1			9		4	5
			3		7			
9	7		1			2		
							5	7
	4			8		1		6
	9		5			4		2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6

2 8 7 3

Medium = 25

4 5 8 3

Hard = 24

5 6 6 8

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

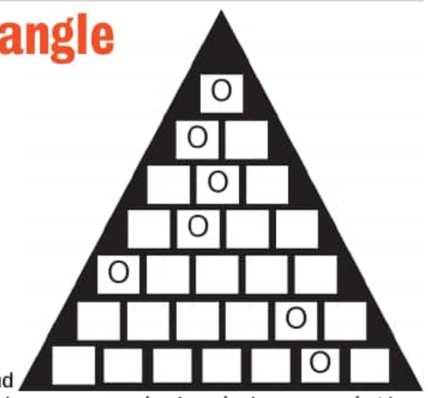
Differences: 1. Water faucet is moved. 2. Tooth on chart is different. 3. Patient's arm is longer. 4. Headrest is different. 5. Dentist has more hair. 6. Bib is longer.

Riddler

What different types of Radio are represented below? (Don't take it too seriously)
1) \/\/\/\/\/\/\/\/\/\/\/\/\/\/\/\ Radio
2) ^^^^^^^^^^ Radio
3) BAAAAAAAND Radio
4) 8 Fingers 2 thumbs Radio

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number 8
2 Not off
3 Swindle
4 Geometric figure
5 The deep blue
6 Church leader
7 Ten-sided figure



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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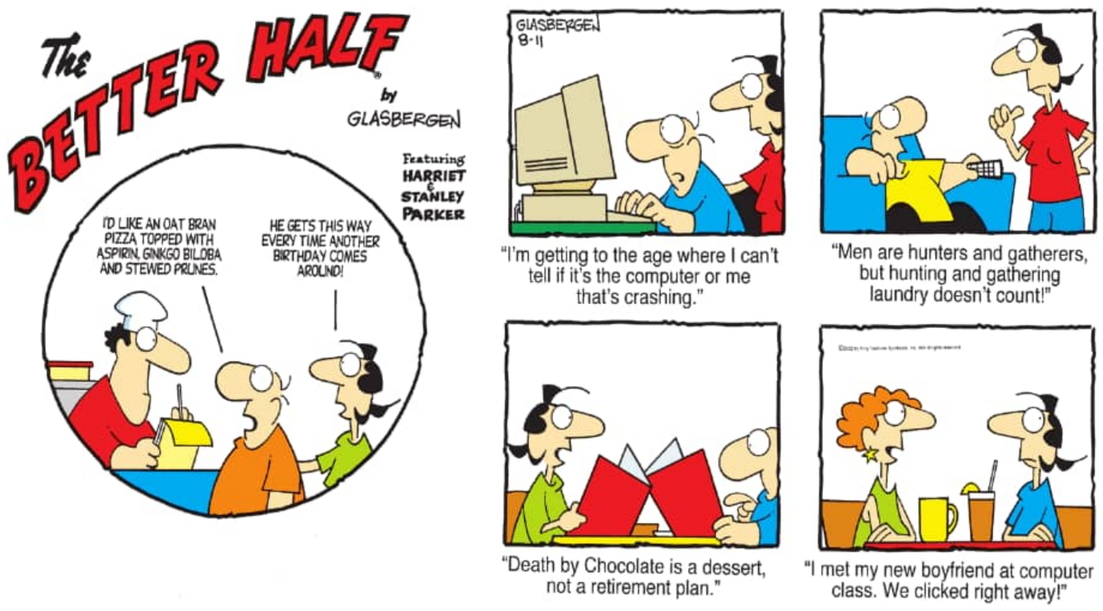
The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
I'D LIKE AN OAT BRAN PIZZA TOPPED WITH ASPIRIN, GINKGO BILOBA AND STEWED PRUNES.
HE GETS THIS WAY EVERY TIME ANOTHER BIRTHDAY COMES AROUND!
GLASBERGEN 9-11
"I'm getting to the age where I can't tell if it's the computer or me that's crashing."
"Men are hunters and gatherers, but hunting and gathering laundry doesn't count!"
"Death by Chocolate is a dessert, not a retirement plan."
"I met my new boyfriend at computer class. We clicked right away!"

FLASH GORDON
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, FRIGIA WAS A NATION ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE.
SO I CHARTED NEW LANDS. DISCOVERED NEW RICHES HIDDEN WITHIN THE SURFACE.
THIS IS MY HOME, AND I HAVE BLED FOR EVERY INCH OF IT.
I AM COUNT KORRO, LORD REGENT OF FRIGIA.
IN THE QUEEN'S ABSENCE, I AM THE LAW.
THE QUEEN COMES AND GOES AS SHE PLEASES, ADVENTURING IN THE COMPANY OF OUTSIDERS.
SHE DEMANDS TO KNOW WHY THE GIANTS HAVE BEEN RAIDING IN THE NORTH.
I TELL TRUE: THE BRUTES REFUSE TO SEE REASON.
SHE DISAPPROVES OF HOW I MANAGE "HER KINGDOM."
PRINCE RONAL THINKS ME JUST A HATEFUL OLD MAN.
THE DRAGONMAN THEY'VE BROUGHT HERE WANTS MY BLOOD.
THE ALIEN FLASH GORDON REGARDS ME WITH PITY.
IN PRIVATE, I TELL HIM I TOO WAS ONCE BELOVED.
BEWARE, HERO.
THE LOVE OF THE PEOPLE IS FICKLE.
NEXT: THE HOT-BLOODED

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Today begins a birthday year filled with reflection, courage, and meaningful change. Travel plans bring inspiration while career paths reveal promising directions. Romance deepens through patience, tenderness, and trust. Finances stabilize as careful choices pay off. Domestic life feels grounding with laughter, warmth, and shared meals. Trust yourself, accept invitations, and welcome the adventures, friendships, and lessons coming your way.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Something you've been avoiding may resurface today, Aries. Face it courageously and view it from a new perspective. With determination, your aspirations remain within reach.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Focus on fixing what isn't working today, Taurus. Your problem-solving skills are strong, helping you address challenges effectively both professionally and personally.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your living space may need attention today, Gemini. Tidying up brings peace and may uncover meaningful memories. Cleaning your surroundings refreshes your mind and mood.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Break away from routine today, Cancer. Changing your usual approach to daily tasks may bring excitement and renewed motivation. Keep emotions balanced while exploring new possibilities.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Support friends today by listening carefully and offering thoughtful advice, Leo. Acts of kindness and generosity strengthen your connections and allow you to give back meaningfully.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Exploring new activities may bring exciting experiences today, Virgo. Meeting new people and embracing unfamiliar opportunities could lead to memorable moments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Clarify your feelings today, Libra. Understanding your own desires strengthens your relationship with your partner. Honest communication prevents confusion and builds deeper connection.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Avoid controversial situations today, Scorpio. Although the day holds positive energy, certain individuals may attempt to create unnecessary drama. Stay close to trustworthy people.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Refocus on your goals today, Sagittarius. Writing down priorities can help restore direction if you've felt distracted. Begin the day calmly before diving into responsibilities.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
A surprising romantic opportunity may appear today, Capricorn. Someone unexpected could reach out, encouraging you to open your heart and consider new possibilities.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Good news about someone close may reach you today, Aquarius. Even if a hint of jealousy arises, celebrate their success and trust that your own moment will come.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Stay calm and centered today, Pisces. Meditation and supportive company help you avoid emotional overreactions. Trust your instincts when choosing the people who deserve your energy.

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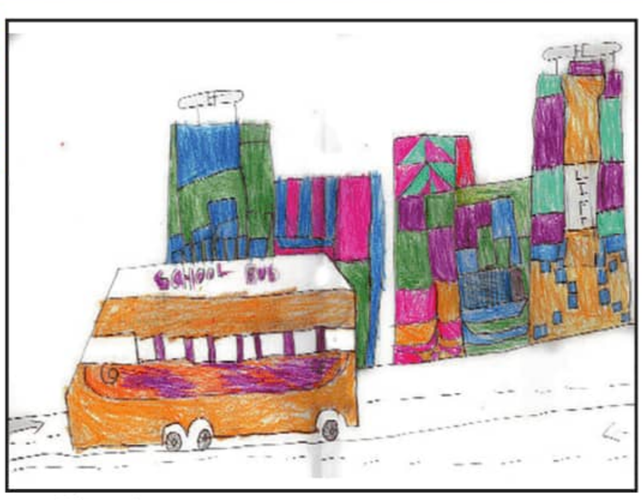

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QUOTE UNCODE
A little madness in the spring is wholesome even for the king.

BULL'S EYE
BULBOUS, slob, soul

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42. Divide each circle into left and right halves. The top right value equals the sum of the left hand numbers. The middle right value equals the product of the left hand numbers and the bottom right hand value equals the sum of the left hand numbers.

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
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GO FIGURE
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Medium
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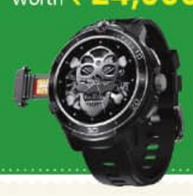

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